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Applicant: Peterson et al.  
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Attached please find the following for filing in the above-identified application.

- (1) Amendment in response to Office Action dated April 5, 2004.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

In re the application of:

Peterson et al.

Confirmation No.: 5457

Application No.: 10/041,705

Examiner: Pantuck, B.C.

Filed: January 8, 2002

Group Art Unit: 3739

For: BIOABSORBABLE SURGICAL CLIP WITH ENGAGEABLE EXPANSION STRUCTURE

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Amendment (eleven (11) pages).  
☐ Petition for Extension of Period for Response.  
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The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Application No. 10/041,705

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# PATENT APPLICATION

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of April 5, 2004, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

**The present amendment comprises the following sections:**

- A. Amendments to the Claims
- B. Remarks

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